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In re Application of :
Diem et al. :
Application No.: 10/500,196 : DECISION
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Int. Filing Date: 17 December 2002 : ON
Earliest Priority Date: 28 December 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: 9905/23 : PETITION
For: Method And Zone For Sealing Between :
Two Microstructure Substrates :
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The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 01 August 2006 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

Applicant states that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." This statement is accepted in satisfaction of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3).

A review of the application file reveals that applicant has filed the required reply in the form of the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h) and an executed declaration of the inventors, and has paid the petition fee. Thus, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied. Therefore, the request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America.

Inspection of the English translation of the international application filed on 24 June 2004 reveals that it appears to be defective at least for the reasons that the section headers ("TECHNICAL FIELD," "BACKGROUND," etc.) do not appear to be present in the original French language description, and because applicants do not appear to have furnished a translation of the claims.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing, including the preparation and mailing of a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) requiring a proper English translation of the international application and the processing fee under 37 CFR 1.492(i).

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